

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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OIL REFINERY PROJECT AT PARADEEP IN ORISSA

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Oil Company (IOC) has decided to delink the petrochemical complex from the proposed oil refinery project at Paradeep in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the land acquisition process has been completed for the oil refinery;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the construction would begin; and
- (e) the amount likely to be spent by the IOC ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir, due to very high estimated cost of Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex at Paradip, the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) at its meeting held on 26.5.2008 decided that only Refinery without Petrochemical Complex could be built in the first phase of the project at Paradip.

(c) & (d) : Total of 3344 acres of land has been acquired for Paradip Refinery Project. After reclamation of the entire land and completing pre-project activities, the site construction work is expected to commence during the 1st quarter of 2010.

(e) : The Board of Directors of IOCL in May, 2008 have approved in-principle the implementation of Paradip Refinery Project with an estimated cost of Rs.29,777 crore for the Refinery.